There is nothing more that I need say at the present moment. I felt it my duty to indicate to you the most recent development that has been happening in regard to our food situation, a situation which I know is exercising, and legitimately exercising, in the minds of every one in the Legislature and outside.

BILLS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

The Secretary: I beg to report that the following Bills have received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja :

1. The Travancore Court Fees Act (Amendment) Bill.
2. The Travancore Village Panchayat Courts Act (Amendment) Bill.
3. The Travancore Insurance Act (Amendment) Bill.
4. The Travancore Poisons Bill.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

Mr. A. Lakshminarayana Ayyar (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Under Rule 76 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I beg to lay on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by the Government under Section 32 of Act II of 1108.

	Demand.	Amount. in Rupees.	Particulars.
V.	8-Registration, (*c*) Sub-Registry offices Establishment	15,576	For the appointment of additional staff and for opening new Sub-Registry Offices.
VII.	X. B. Productive Irrigation—Working Expenses	88,000	For extension and improvements to the second half of the Kodayar Left Bank Channel.
XIV.	20. Administration of Justice—(*d*) Law Officers	7,442	To meet the additional expenditure on account of the staff of the Legal Remembrancer's Office amalgamated with that of the Advocate General.
XIV.	do. (*f*) Administrator General	2,700	On account of salary, establishment T. A. and contingencies of the Administrator General's Office.
XV.	21. Jails—(*b*) Jail Manufactory Contingencies	8,000	Purchase of raw materials for the Jail Manufactory, at increased prices.
XXIV.	29. Medical and Ayurveda A. Medical Department	1,000	To meet the expenses of the Medical Committee.

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	Demand.	Amount In Rupees.	Particulars.
XXVI.	30. Public Health and Sanitation—(*e*) Prevention of Epidemics	15,000	For preventive measures against cholera and other epidemics.
XXIX.	34. Stationery and Printing (*b*) Stationery	1,08,500	For the purchase of paper.
XXX.	35—Miscellaneous Departments (*b*) Museum and Government Gardens	47,770	For the reorganisation of the Government Museum as a Museum of Arts and Crafts.
XXXI.	45. Miscellaneous (25) Dearness Allowance to subordinates	1,50,000	To meet the extra expenditure on account of grant of dearness allowance to employees up to Rs 50.
XXXVI.	Debt Head (III). C. (*a*) Advances repayable Advance to the Agricultural Department	50,000	For the purchase and sale of manure.

President: Honourable members will have seen that this extra expenditure will bring us much more revenue than we have anticipated. The number of new companies that have been floated and the number of land transactions that have taken place are, from the budget point of view, very gratifying and it is terrifying when the other implications are considered. As the Financial Secretary made it out we are probably getting 50 per cent more of revenue under stamps and under registration.

DEMAND VII—P. W. D.—Rs. 37,145.

Mr. I. C. Chacko: I beg to move that a sum of Rs. 37,145 be granted for the extra work in connection with the shifting of the High Court and the S. M. V. School from their present location, under Demand VII-Public Works Department including Water Works and Drainage. This amount is made up of two items of work one for providing additional accommodation in the new S. M. V. School buildings which amounts to Rs. 20,000 and for the additional building and certain other constructions in the new Sri Mulam buildings, for which the balance amount is necessary.

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